



Independent Inquiry into Telford Child Exploitation
Progress towards IITCSE Recommendations
Update to Joint Standards and Audit Committee

January 2024

Summary

This paper provides an update on the progress towards completion of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Telford (IITCSE) recommendations.

The IITCSE contains 13 recommendations which West Mercia Police are either solely working on or jointly with partners. The response is being led by D/Supt Leanne Lowe who is in regular liaison with the Independent Lived Experience Consultants (ILECs) who are assisting agencies in scrutinising progress.

Whilst some recommendations have been assessed by the ILECs as being complete there are others where further work is required.

Completed Recommendations

Recommendations 1,2, 3, 8, 29, 31 and 38 are now assessed as being complete by D/Supt Lowe. These relate to the following areas:

1. Establishment of a 'Joint CSE Review Group'

This group has been established and has met regularly.

2. 'Joint CSE Review Group' to publish an annual CSE Report

An annual report was published, and a subsequent report will be published for 2023/24.

3. WMP to prepare mapping and prevalence data to be shared with the Joint CSE Review Group

The West Mercia Strategic Planning and Insight Team produce this data and share it with the Review Group.

8. Commitment to maintained levels of CSE Team resource

The Force Executive Team have made a commitment in writing to maintain the levels of resource within the team.



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29. Review WMP involvement in taxi licensing enforcement

A review has been completed by Telford Local Policing Area and the Local Authority and Taxi Licensing operations are now coordinated under Operation Emmett.

31. In conjunction with others review information collection and sharing with restaurants, takeaways and other outlets

Training has been provided and access to relevant Local Authority database secured. Completion agreed by ILECs.

38. Review internal complaint handling to ensure CSE matters are dealt with in a timely fashion

A comprehensive review has been completed of complaint handling with specific focus on CSE matters.

Incomplete Recommendations

Further work or finalisation is required in respect of six recommendations:

6. Review of Information Sharing Training

DI Arrowsmith is reviewing material that has recently been received from the College of Policing on updated training. It is hoped that this will be the final piece of work under this recommendation but that is yet to be confirmed.

20. Agencies to review information sharing regarding risk of HIV

A new policy and data sharing agreement has been drafted and subject to internal consultation. It is now going through final signoff.

36. Review use of CSE marker system

The use of these markers has been reviewed but a further audit of their usage and application is being undertaken to establish effectiveness.



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37. Review CSE training

Following a review of provision, a revised training package has been commissioned from a third-party provider. This product is still awaited and so the recommendation will not be assessed as complete until it has been scrutinised.

39. Review of multi-agency National Referral Mechanism approach

The approach to referrals has been reviewed but there is a dependency on a role within the Local Authority that we await confirmation of.

41. PCC Holding to Account meetings to be improved

A meeting will shortly take place between the OPCC and the ILECs and so a further assessment will take place after that meeting.

Next steps

At the time of preparing this paper for JASC, T/DCC Cooper is yet to complete the review of the documentary evidence supporting that completion assessment. That will be done prior to 12th January and a further update will be provided to the committee.

A template report has been compiled for each recommendation that is assessed as complete, with supporting documentation embedded. Representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have been invited to undertake a concurrent review. An example of the template is included as an appendix.

The Local Authority have indicated the Independent Chair of the Inquiry will conduct a documentary review of progress later in January 2024.

Appendix A



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